**INTERNATIONAL THESIS COTUTELLE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSIDAD DEL PAÍS VASCO/EUSKAL HERRIKO UNIBERTSITATEA AND THE UNIVERSTITY** *[add Name of the University]*

**BY AND BETWEEN**

The Party of the First Part, Dr. Iñaki Goirizelaia Ordorika, Honourable Rector of the University of the Basque Country UPV/EHU.

The Party of the Second Part, Dr. ......., Honourable Rector/President of the University of *[add Name of the University]*.

The Parties hereto recognise each other’s legal capacity to enter into the formal Agreement, and

**DO HEREBY DECLARE**

That both institutions share the common goal of promoting and developing scientific cooperation in research training, and of encouraging the mobility of PhD students from each institution.

Considering,

On the side of the University of the Basque Country UPV/EHU

* R.D. 99/2011 Regulation of 28th of January, concerning Spanish Official Programs for Doctoral Education;
* Regulations concerning management of PhD programs published by the resolution of May, 30th 2013, (modified on the 4th of November) of the Vice Rector of International Relations and Postgraduate Studies of the University of the Basque Country UPV/EHU.

On the side of the University xxx *[add name of the University]*

*[Add doctoral normative]*

**THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE**

To execute this Co-Tutelle Agreement for the Doctoral Thesis carried out by Mr/Ms *[name of the PhD candidate]*, entitled *[title of the PhD project]*, in accordance with the following

**CLAUSES**

**First—Thesis Supervision**

The PhD student shall carry out his/her thesis under the supervision and responsibility of the following doctoral thesis supervisors:

On behalf of the University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU),

Dr. [name of thesis *T*hesis supervisor],

PhD program: [*name of the PhD Program*]

On behalf of the University of [*name of the university*],

Dr. *[name of Thesis supervisor]*,

PhD program: *[name of the PhD program]*

Any changes of Thesis supervisors shall be notified to the competent authorities of both Universities. The above mentioned supervisors undertake to jointly supervise the PhD Thesis under this agreement, duly coordinating with each other.

**Second—Registration and Thesis Development**

The Doctoral Thesis project must be registered at both universities signing the agreement, in accordance with the provisions governing such registrations at each university.

The PhD candidate shall be registered at both universities every year and shall pay all tuition fees only in one university.

For the academic year 20..-20.., [*Please fill this for all academic years*] the PhD candidate will pay tuition fees at the University of [*name of the university*], which shall exonerate him/her from paying such fees at the University of [*name of the university*].

The Thesis shall be drafted in.*[language]* and an extensive summary shall be included in *[Spanish, Basque language and/or the language of the other university].*

The thesis shall be defended in *[language]* and an extensive summary shall be included in *[Spanish, Basque language and/or the language of the other university].*

PhD candidates should spend a **minimum of nine months** doing research work at each university. The nine months can be computed in an only stay or as accumulation of shorter periods, and shall start from the date of the thesis project registration at the university of origin of the PhD candidate.

Thesis duration will not exceed, in any case, the periods established by the regulations in force at both universities.

**Third—Insurance Coverage**

PhD candidates must have insurance coverage to carry out doctoral studies at both universities.

Neither the universities nor the PhD candidate will be responsible for any damages that stem from orders or instructions given by a Thesis supervisor that are not included in the PhD Thesis activity plan.

**Fourth—Thesis Evaluation Committee and Thesis Defense**

The Evaluation Committee will be agreed by both universities. All aspects related to Thesis evaluation, Thesis Evaluation Committee and Thesis Defense will be in accordance to the doctoral regulations of the university where the defense will take place.

Provided that there is no contradiction with existing regulations, the Evaluation Committee shall comprise at least one representative from each university, and one external evaluator who shall be independent from any of the universities.

There shall be one final oral defense at one of the universities. Doctoral candidates should obtain previous permission from both universities for the deposit and defense of their Doctoral Thesis before the oral examination.

The oral defense will take place at the University of *[name of the university].* The University of *[University where the defense takes place]* will assume all the expenses related to the defense,

After the oral defense, the host university shall provide the other university with a copy of all documentation related thereto.

The PhD candidate shall pay all fees related to the deposit and defense of the Thesis to the university where the oral defense takes place.

The publication, use and protection of the Thesis and its research results must be ensured by both universities signing this agreement, in accordance with each university’s established procedures.

**Fifth—Award of Doctoral Degree**

Each university shall issue a PhD degree Certificate. Whenever admitted by existing regulations, the Certificate shall include a specific mention to the Co-Tutelle arrangement.

**Sixth—Agreement Dates**

This agreement shall remain in force from the date of its execution to the date that the PhD candidate is awarded his/her doctoral degree.

Any future regulations for awarding and issuing doctoral degrees that oppose any of the provisions of this agreement, shall lead to the modification of this agreement in accordance with those regulations.

In witness whereof, I hereby sign two counter copies of this agreement in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[insert language]*, Spanish and Basque languages.

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| On behalf of the University of the Basque Country UPV/EHU Honourable Rector of the UPV/EHUDr. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: | On behalf of the University of ...*[name of the university]*Honourable Rector ofMr/Mrs \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: |